

4. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 2, characterised in that the laminate bonding locations (4) include punctiform bonds, linear bonds, rectangular bonds or circular bonds.

5. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 1, characterised in that the top sheet (2) has through-penetrating holes within the bonding locations (4).

6. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 1, characterised in that the top sheet (2) is comprised of a nonwoven material.

7. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 1, characterised in that the top sheet (2) is comprised of a carded, thermobonded nonwoven material.

8. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 1, characterised in that the liquid transfer sheet (3) is a fibre wadding sheet having a thickness of 0.5-4 mm.

9. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 1, characterised in that the smallest distance x between two mutually adjacent groups (5) of bonding locations (4) is at least twice the size of the greatest distance y between two mutually adjacent bonding locations (4) in respective groups (5).

11. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 9, characterised in that x is 2-6mm and y is 0.5-1mm.